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Overview of the Healthcare Sector



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Quick Facts



Population:	3.8 million (includes 67% non-nationals from 80 countries)
Age structure (2014 est.):	0-14 years: 25.4% 15-24 years: 15.3% 25-54 years: 52.3% 55-64 years: 4.7% 65 years and over: 2.1%
Population growth rate:	1.7%
Ethnic groups:	Kuwaiti 31.3%, other Arab 27.9%, Asian 37.8%, African 1.9%, other 1.1% (includes European, North American, South American, and Australian) (2013 est.)
Religions:	Muslim (official) 76.7%, Christian 17.3%, other and unspecified 5.9%
Languages:	Arabic (official), English widely spoken
Border countries:	Iraq, Saudi Arabia



Quick Facts

Currency:	0.2801 KWD = \$1.00 (2013)
GDP:	\$165.8 billion (2013 est.)
GDP per capita:	\$42,100 (2013 est.)
GDP real growth rate:	2.3% (2013 est.)
GDP by sector:	agriculture: 0.3% industry: 50.6% services: 49.1% (2013 est.)
Inflation rate	2.8% (2013 est.)
Labor Force:	2.304 million (2012 est.)
Exports - partners: <i>oil and refined products, fertilizers</i>	South Korea 16.1%, India 15.7%, Japan 13.4%, US 11.7%, China 9.2%, Singapore 4.2% (2013 est.)
Main Imports: <i>food, construction materials, vehicles and parts, clothing</i>	US 11.8%, China 9.2%, Saudi Arabia 8.6%, Japan 8.2%, South Korea 6.9%, German 5.1%, India 4.6%, UAE 4.4% (2013 est.)
Transparency Rank:	66 (2012) <i>Source: Transparency International</i>



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Billion barrels
crude oil reserves (est.) (2014)

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

- Kuwait is one of the world's top producers and net exporters of oil and its economy is heavily dependent on petroleum export revenue.
- Kuwait accounts for nearly 6% of the world's reserves, and account for nearly half of Kuwait's GDP, 95% of export revenues, and 90% of government income.
- The US Energy Information Administration (EIA) has predicted that Kuwait will remain as one of the world's top oil producers as the country pushes towards a target of four million bpd of production capacity by 2020,



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\$110
Billion

- In 2010, Kuwaiti Parliament approved a USD 110 billion (KD 31 billion) National Development Plan (NDI), stretching to 2035, based on a series of five 5-year plans, which aim to convert Kuwait into a trade and financial hub of the region.
- The plan introduces ideas and laws to fund the development projects and to provide support to various sectors, including building a stronger healthcare system through the promotion of healthy lifestyles and behavior and enhancing the healthcare infrastructure.

Source: Kuwait e-government website: <http://www.e.gov.kw/>



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- Kuwait's Ministry of Health is the owner, operator, regulator, and financer of the vast majority of healthcare services rendered, pharmaceuticals purchased, and medical equipment acquired in Kuwait.
- Kuwait is building well-equipped hospitals, specialized centers, and new laboratory and surgical facilities.
- Kuwait's government is responsible for over 80% of the total investment in the healthcare sector.
- The private healthcare sector are estimated to take a share of 15-20% of the healthcare spending.

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)

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- **Kuwait is divided into six governorates.**
- **Kuwait is also divided into six health districts:**
 1. Al-Jahra Health District
 2. Hawalli Health District
 3. Farwaniya Health District
 4. Capital Health District
 5. Ahmadi Health District
 6. Al-Sabah Specialized Health District

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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Public Hospitals

The government of Kuwait is currently operating 15 general and specialized hospitals.

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)

Hospital	Beds
Al-Adan General Hospital	982
Al-Amiri General Hospital	496
Al-Jahra General Hospital	846
Al-Sabah General Hospital	486
Farwaniya General Hospital	931
Mubarak General Hospital	694
Al-Razi Orthopedic & Rehab. Hospital	264
Chest Diseases Hospital	290
Ibn Sina Neurology & Neurosurgery Hospital	364
Infectious Diseases Hospital	196
Maternity Hospital	416
Natural Medicine and Rehab. Hospital	69
The Psychiatric Hospital	764
Kuwait Allergy Center	36
Kuwait Cancer Control Center	191
Total	7095



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Private Hospitals

The private sector is expected to grow moderately in the coming years.

Hospital	Beds
Al-Mowasat Hospital	106
Hadi Hospital	101
Dar-Alshifa Hospital	112
Al- Rashid Hospital	81
Al-Salam Hospital	169
London Hospital	60
Taiba Hospital	60
Royale Hayat Hospital	61
Al-Orf Hospital	64
Al-Omooma Hospital	58
Al-Seef Hospital	105
Alia Hospital	61
Total	1038

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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The New Al-Ahmadi Hospital Managed by Kuwait Oil Company

Hospital	Beds
Al-Ahmadi Hospital	300

- The new Ahmadi Hospital is expected to be ready by early 2015 with a capacity of 300 beds at a cost of about USD 295.6 million (KWD 87 million dinars).
- The hospital will serve about 120,000 patients registered in the oil sector, their families and retirees. In addition to the provision of secondary health care, the project can also be extended to accommodate nearly 400 beds.
- The project site area stands at nearly 380,000 square meters, while medical and non-medical buildings stand at 80,000 square meters and includes a four-story, in addition to a parking site that can accommodate nearly 1,000 vehicles, a helicopter landing area and residential buildings for medical staff with a capacity of 254 units.

Source: <http://www.shbc.com/innerpages.aspx?id=2&Root=no&pid=1&type=old>



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Jaber Al Ahmed Armed Forces Hospital

Managed by Kuwait's Ministry of Defense

Hospital	Beds
Jaber Al Ahmed Armed Forces Hospital	260

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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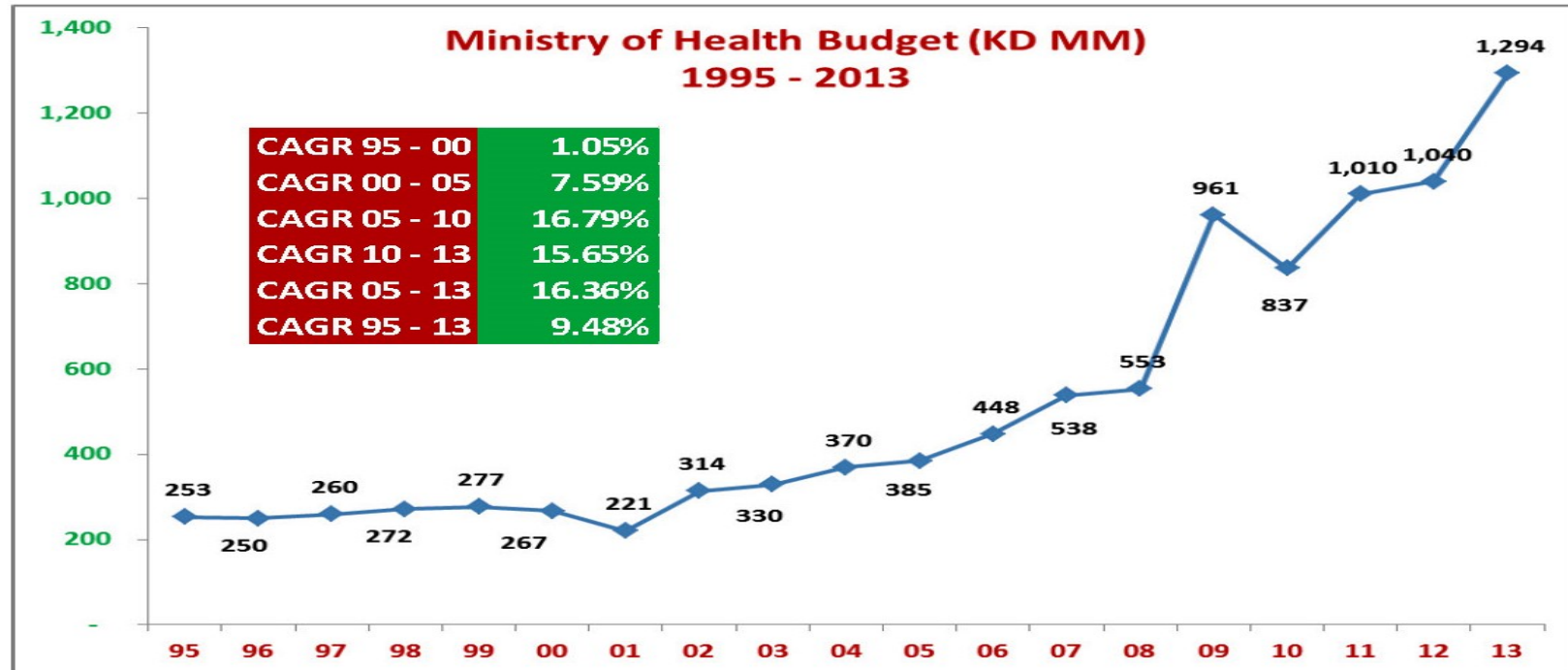
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Jaber Al Ahmed Armed Forces Hospital Expansion Project

- On June 2014, The US government has OK'd a \$1.7 billion expansion of the existing Armed Forces Hospital.
- The U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) announced that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will design, construct, operate and maintain the Kuwaiti Armed Forces Hospital expansion.
- It will also procure medical and non-medical equipment and information technology resources for the hospital, which will also have a new central utilities plant, site utilities, covered parking, roads, and an enclosed pedestrian circulation connector to the existing hospital. The USACE will also provide project management, engineering and technical support services to the project.

Source: <http://www.dsca.mil/major-arms-sales/kuwait-facilities-and-infrastructure-construction-support-services-0>

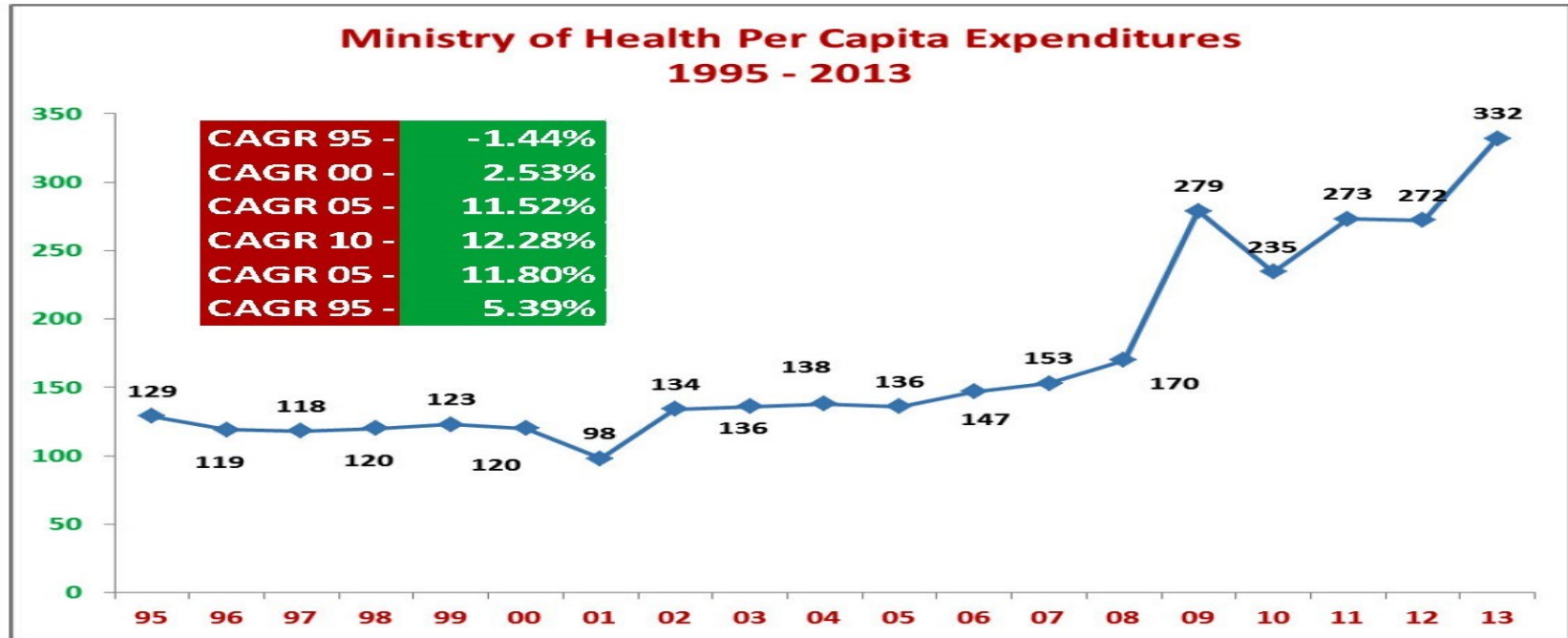
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- Between 1995 and 2013, Kuwait's Ministry of Health operating budget has increased from USD 895 million (KD 253 million) to USD 4.5 billion (KD 1,294 million).
- If the Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) stabilized at 7%, Kuwait's Ministry of Health operating budget will reach about USD 18 billion (KD 5 billion), by 2030.

Source: Kuwait e-government website: <http://www.e.gov.kw/>

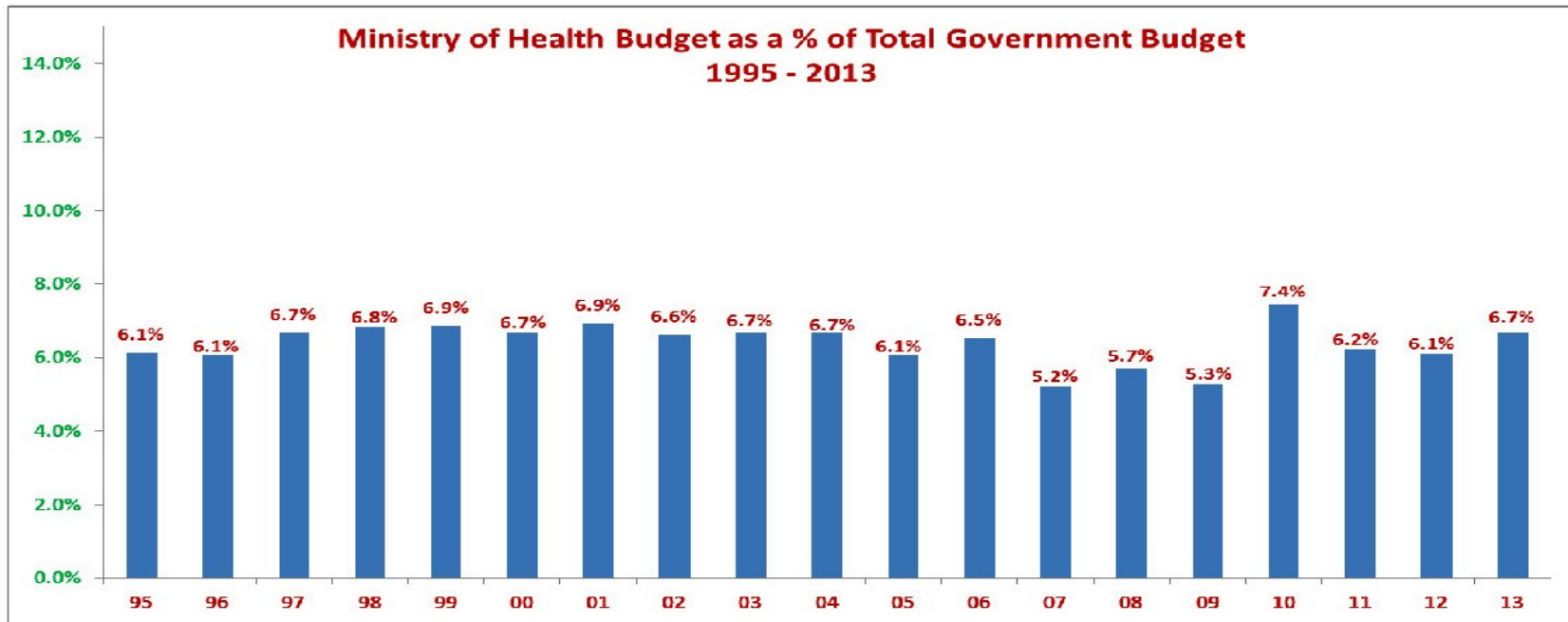
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- Between 1995 and 2013, Kuwait's Ministry of Health per capita expenditure has increased from USD 456 (KD 129) to USD 1,175 (KD 332).
- At the projected increase rate, the per capita expenditure will reach USD 3,540 (KD 1,000) by 2030.

Source: Kuwait e-government website: <http://www.e.gov.kw/>

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- However, the Percentage of MOH expenditure compared to the overall Government of Kuwait expenditure appear to have been comparable.
- This clearly reflects that healthcare expenditure budget appropriation is corresponds with the overall government budget, which is clearly depends on oil prices and revenues .

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)

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Physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and nurses in the public & private sectors (2008 – 2012)

Nationality	Private Sector* القطاع الخاص*			Government Sector القطاع الحكومي			الجنسية	السنة
	الهيئة التمريضية Nurses	أطباء الأسنان Dentists	الأطباء البشريون Physicians	الهيئة التمريضية Nurses	أطباء الأسنان Dentists	الأطباء البشريون Physicians		
Kuwaiti	35	83	293	914	573	2,033	كويتي	2008
Non Kuwaiti	3333	436	1010	11,506	388	2,962	غير كويتي	
Total	3,368	519	1,303	12,420	961	4,995	جملة	
Kuwaiti	37	82	211	1,214	674	2,181	كويتي	2009
Non Kuwaiti	3,716	397	1,243	12,340	380	3,159	غير كويتي	
Total	3,753	479	1,454	13,554	1,054	5,340	جملة	
Kuwaiti	36	90	208	1,220	741	2,320	كويتي	2010
Non Kuwaiti	4,216	421	1,381	14,063	382	3,360	غير كويتي	
Total	4,252	511	1,589	15,283	1,123	5,680	جملة	
Kuwaiti	31	93	221	1,235	821	2,448	كويتي	2011
Non Kuwaiti	4,463	476	1,478	14,867	446	3,634	غير كويتي	
Total	4,494	569	1,699	16,102	1,267	6,082	جملة	
Kuwaiti	27	95	204	1,235	960	2,577	كويتي	2012
Non Kuwaiti	4,975	530	1,582	15,265	465	3,896	غير كويتي	
Total	5,002	625	1,786	16,500	1,425	6,473	جملة	

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\$4.4
Billion

➤ In 2012, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Public Works announced a USD 4.42 billion (KD 1.250 billion) project to replace and/or expand nine operating hospitals (*five general hospitals and four specialized hospitals*) within the next ten years.

➤ In addition to the current capacity of 7,000 beds, this will add an additional:

- ❖ Approx. 5400 beds
- ❖ Approx. 150 Operating rooms
- ❖ Approx. 500 Outpatient Clinics

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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The Nine Hospital Project

Hospital	Beds	Built Area (SQM)	Budget (KD Millions)	Budget (USD Millions)
Amiri Hospital (Expansion) Project	446	101,056	100	355
Al Razzi Hospital (Expansion) Project	240	28,215	33	118
Kuwait Cancer Center (Expansion) Project	754	206,321	173	774
Al Farwania Hospital (Expansion) Project	938	340,447	200	605
Al Adan Hospital (Expansion) Project	793	257,000	210	745
Infectious Diseases Hospital (Expansion) Project	255	61,464	55	196
Ibn Sina Hospital (Expansion) Project	427	145,000	100	355
New Al Jahra Hospital Project	1,200	400,000	360	1,280
New Al Sabah Hospital Project	774	207,282	200	605
Total	5,824	1,746,785	1,231	5,033

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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The Nine Hospital Expansion Project Methodology

Project to be realized through a Single Tender / Single Contract “Design, Build, Equip, and Maintain” methodology – Pre-Qualified Consortia

- ❑ **Design** – International Healthcare Design Firm (Current FGI Standards)
 - Phase 1: Data Confirmation and Concept Design
 - Phase 2: Schematic Design
 - Phase 3: Design Development
 - Phase 4: Final Design and Construction Documents
- ❑ **Build** – International / Local Contractors with verifiable, healthcare specific, Design Build experience.
 - MEP & Finishes: Mainly in compliance with US Standards and Codes
- ❑ **Equip** – Turnkey, Medical, Non Medical, and Related. Single accountable source.
 - Medical Equipment and Furniture: Detailed and Strict Terms and Conditions
- ❑ **Maintain** – Five Years Operational Maintenance on Building and FF&E. Single Accountable Source.
 - Medical Equipment and Furniture: Detailed and Strict Terms and Conditions

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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Al Razzi Hospital (Expansion) Project

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Concept Design | Gulf Consult (GC) |
| • Medical Planners | The Advisory Group (TAG) |
| • Project Manager | Hill International / SDPM |

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| • Project Status | Under Construction |
| • Completion Date | First Quarter 2015 |
| • Main Contractor | Al Ghanim Int'l |
| • Architect | nbbj / Mimar |
| • Project Value | KD 35 MM |
| • Number of Beds | 240 |
| • Number of ORs | 4 |
| • Number of Floors | Basement plus 12 |
| • Total Built Up Area | 28,215 SQM |



Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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Amiri Hospital (Expansion) Project

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Concept Design | Gulf Consult (GC) |
| • Medical Planners | The Advisory Group (TAG) |
| • Project Manager | Hill International / SDPM |

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| • Project Status | Under Construction |
| • Completion Date | First Quarter 2017 |
| • Main Contractor | ASCO/Pizarotti/Al Essa |
| • Architect | Studio Alteiri/ DQCE |
| • Project Value | KD 100 MM |
| • Number of Beds | 446 |
| • Number of ORs | 9 |
| • Number of Floors | 3 Basements plus 11 |
| • Total Built Up Area | 101,056 SQM |



Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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Kuwait Cancer Center (Expansion) Project

- **Concept Design**
- **Medical Planners**
- **Project Manager**

Pan Arab Consulting Engineers (PACE)
The Advisory Group (TAG)
Hill International / SDPM

- **Project Status** Pending Signature
- **Completion Date** Fourth Quarter 2017
- **Main Contractor** Al Ghanim Int'l
- **Architect** nbbj/Gulf Consult
- **Project Value** KD 173 MM
- **Number of Beds** 754
- **Number of ORs** 14
- **Number of Floors** 1 Basements plus 13
- **Total Built Up Area** 206,321 SQM



Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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Infectious Diseases Hospital (Expansion) Project

- **Concept Design** SSH International Engineering Consultants (SSH)
- **Medical Planners** The Advisory Group (TAG)
- **Project Manager** Hill International / SDPM

- **Project Status** Pending CTC Award
- **Completion Date** 36 Months from Award
- **Main Contractor** -----
- **Architect** -----
- **Project Value** KD 55 MM

- **Number of Beds** 255
- **Number of ORs** Nil
- **Number of Floors** 1 Basements plus 5
- **Total Built Up Area** 61,464 SQM



Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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Al Adan Hospital (Expansion) Project

- **Concept Design** Pan Arab Consulting Engineers (PACE)
- **Medical Planners** The Advisory Group (TAG)
- **Project Manager** Hill International / SDPM

- **Project Status** Due to CTC 26/11/13
- **Completion Date** 48 Months from Award
- **Main Contractor** -----
- **Architect** -----
- **Project Value** KD 210 MM

- **Number of Beds** 793
- **Number of ORs** 15 Women / Children
21 Main OR Building
- **Number of Floors** 1 Basements plus 12
- **Total Built Up Area** 257,000 SQM



Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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Al Farwania Hospital (Expansion) Project

- **Concept Design**
- **Medical Planners**
- **Project Manager**

Saleh Al Qallaf Consulting Engineers (SQC)
The Advisory Group (TAG)
Hill International / SDPM

- **Project Status** Due to CTC 26/11/13
- **Completion Date** 48 Months from Award
- **Main Contractor** -----
- **Architect** -----
- **Project Value** KD 200 MM
- **Number of Beds** 938
- **Number of ORs** 28
- **Number of Floors** 1 Basements plus 6
- **Total Built Up Area** 340,447 SQM



Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



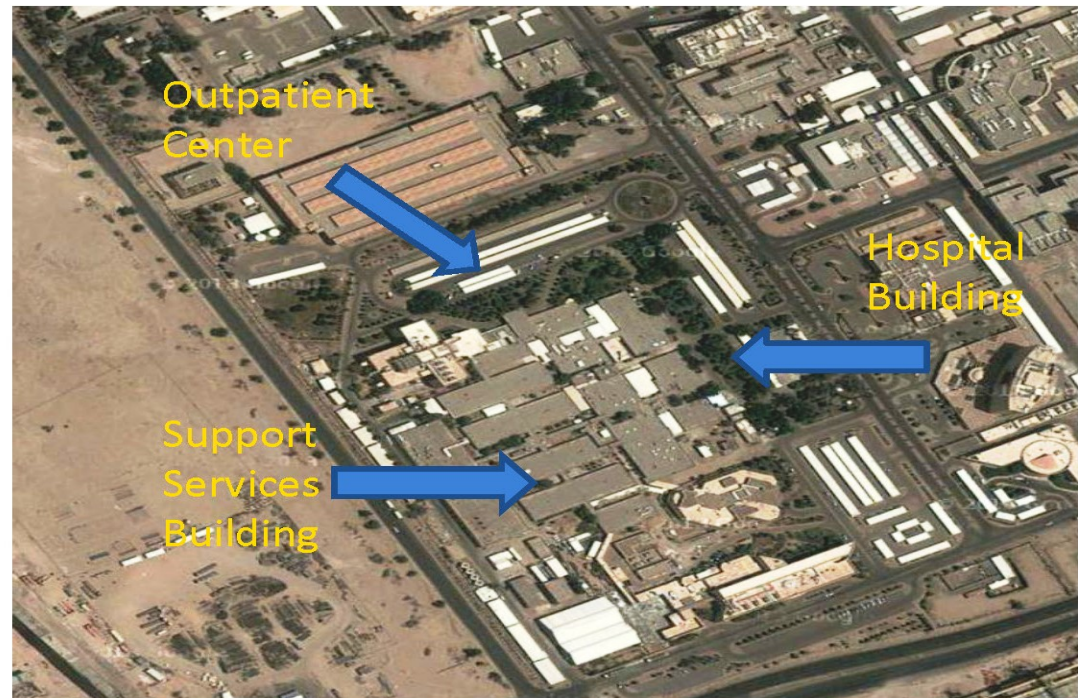
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Ibn Sina Hospital (Expansion) Project

- **Concept Design**
- **Medical Planners**
- **Project Manager**

Pan Arab Consulting Engineers (PACE)
The Advisory Group (TAG)
Hill International / SDPM

- **Project Status** Concept Design
- **Completion Date** 48 Months from Award
- **Main Contractor** -----
- **Architect** -----
- **Project Value** KD 100 MM
- **Number of Beds** 427
- **Number of ORs** 24
- **Number of Floors** 1 Basements plus 12
- **Total Built Up Area** 145,000 SQM



Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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New Al Jahra Hospital Project

- **Project Owner** Amiri Diwan
- **Schematic Design** Pan Arab Consulting Engineers (PACE) / TRO JB
- **Medical Planners** The Advisory Group (TAG)
- **Project Manager** Amiri Diwan

- **Project Status** Under Award
- **Completion Date** 24 Months from Award
- **Main Contractor** -----
- **Architect** -----
- **Project Value** KD 360 MM
- **Number of Beds** 1200
- **Number of ORs** 34
- **Number of Floors** 1 Basements plus 10
- **Total Built Up Area** 400,000 SQM



Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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New Al Sabah Hospital Project

- **Concept Design**
- **Medical Planners**
- **Project Manager**

SSH International Engineering Consultants (SSH)
The Advisory Group (TAG)
Hill International / SDPM

- **Project Status** Under MOH Assessment
- **Completion Date** 48 Months from Award
- **Main Contractor** -----
- **Architect** -----
- **Project Value** KD 200 MM
- **Number of Beds** 771
- **Number of ORs** 16
- **Number of Floors** 1 Basements plus 12
- **Total Built Up Area** 207,275 SQM



Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health (www.moh.gov.kw)



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In Addition:

Source: Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah Hospital (<http://www.jaberalahmadhospital.com/en/>)



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1,200

Bed

**Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed
Al-Sabah Hospital**

Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah Hospital Project

will be the largest medical center in the State of Kuwait, providing nearly 1,200 beds together with state of the art medical services to a projected population of 600,000 in the South Surra area.

Budget	USD 1.1b (KWD 304m)
Site Area	224,180 m ²
Total Hospital Area	469,370 m ²
Total Built-up Area	720,000 m ²
Parking Number	5,000 cars
Ambulances	50 cars
Completion Date	2015

Source: Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah Hospital (<http://www.jaberalahmadhospital.com/en/>)



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500

Bed

Police Hospital Project

Owner: Kuwait's Ministry of Interior

Project Handled by:

The Ministry of Public Works

Kuwait Ministry of Interior's (MOI) New Police Hospital Project

- The 500 bed hospital, which will be located in the Al Sabah Health zone, incorporates a wide variety of medical specialties and in-patient facilities.
- Building will be a 120,000 m2 parking facility. Other associated buildings include a mosque, ambulance complex, medical waste unit and ancillary structures for electro-mechanical services.
- In December 2013, NBBJ (www.nbbj.com) and Gulf Consult (www.gckuwait.com), are awarded the Study, Design, Design Verification and Supervision of the Police Hospital and its various associated buildings.

Source: <http://gckuwait.com/kuwait-police-hospital#.Ut-BdhDfpR0>



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2,580

Sent aboard for treatment in 2012

- The Overseas Medical Treatment Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Health is the main office responsible for sending Kuwaitis aboard for treatment.
- This service allows the possibility of sending sick citizens abroad for treatment, in case the treatment is not available in the hospitals of Kuwait.
- The department indicated that in 2012, about 2,580 Kuwaitis were sent aboard for treatment (see attached).
- It is estimated that the budget allocated to sending Kuwaitis abroad for treatment can reach as high as USD702 million (KD200 million) for the years (2013/2014).

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health



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Treatment Abroad by Country (2012)

Country	# of Cases	%
UK	791	30.6
USA	606	23.5
Germany	547	21.2
France	202	7.8
Spain	81	3.2
Czech Republic	159	6.2
Slovakia	54	2.1
Lebanon	34	1.3
Canada	26	1
Belgium	19	0.7

Country	# of Cases	%
Saudi Arabia	8	0.3
Jordan	14	0.5
Italy	6	0.23
Austria	8	0.31
UAE	11	0.42
North Korea	1	0.03
Switzerland	7	0.27
Egypt	5	0.19
Thailand	1	0.03
Total	2580	

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health



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Treatment Abroad by Major Specialty (2012)

Specialty	# of Cases	%	Specialty	# of Cases	%
Ortho.	603	23.4	Ortho.	603	23.4
G. Syrg.	182	7.05	G. Syrg.	182	7.05
Derma.	70	2.7	Derma.	70	2.7
Peds.	212	8.2	Peds.	212	8.2
Onco.	179	6.9	Onco.	179	6.9
G. I.	86	3.3	G. I.	86	3.3
Cardio.	106	4.1	Cardio.	106	4.1
Ophth.	162	6.2	Ophth.	162	6.2
Dentistry	15	0.5	Dentistry	15	0.5
I. M.	158	6.1	I. M.	158	6.1
E. N. T.	60	2.3	E. N. T.	60	2.3
Peds. Cardio	22	0.8	Peds. Cardio	22	0.8
Neurology	86	3.3	Neurology	86	3.3

Source: Kuwait's Ministry of Health



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For more information on Kuwait's treatment abroad program, please contact:

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Best Products & Services

- There is large potential in Kuwait's healthcare industry for U.S. companies offering medical-dental-lab equipment, general hospital supplies, pharmaceutical products and specialized systems and applications.
- Additionally, there is demand for unique products and new technologies, such as laser-treatment, nanotechnology and molecular medicine. Laboratory testing is also a growing segment and will require testing equipment and disposable tests.
- Surgical instruments are in high demand, as well as diagnostic or laboratory equipment in the fields of orthopedics, trauma care, ophthalmology, cardiology, oncology, radiology or radiotherapy and healthcare information.
- Medical services such as project management, health care consulting, human resource development, hospital administration, and technology transfers are and will continue to be in demand.



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Regulations of Medical Devices

- Generally, there are no special classification requirements or special restriction for the importation of products
- Regulations of Medical Devices are conducted by the Ministry of Health.
- For more information, please contact: Directorate of Purchasing, Ministry of Health, State of Kuwait, Tel: +965-2486-3736, Fax:+965-2486-3560

Source: Ministry of Health - Kuwait



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The Registration Procedure

The registration procedure is conducted by submitting an application form and other relevant document by a local representative, which are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Free Sale Certificate (attested)➤ GMP certificate (attested)➤ Manufacturing license (attested)➤ CE mark certificate (attested)➤ Ingredients list | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ List of countries where the product is sold➤ Sample of the product➤ Catalogue, brochure for the use instructions➤ Packaging insert➤ Safety and efficacy studies |
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Source: Ministry of Health - Kuwait



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Market Entry

- To be successful in the Kuwaiti market, U.S. companies often identify, develop and support a local agent, representative, or account executive to manage their marketing strategy.
- Some companies find having a Kuwaiti partner rather than an agent a preferable approach, in part due to the local tax law.
- Prior success in other GCC countries is helpful but companies rely on local experience and knowledge to conduct their business in these markets. Knowing regulations and the general business framework is a difficult task without the support of a competent local agent or business partner.
- U.S. companies should seek this type of business relationship and understand that the best representatives are those who are already active in their particular sector with cultivated contacts.
- In summary, selecting the appropriate agent who will work for you is the single most important step a U.S. exporter can take in Kuwait. Getting competent local legal counsel to craft an agreement that protects your company from future liability is also a key. The best local partners are those who share both the risk and profit with their American partners.

Source: <http://www.customs.gov.kw/english>



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5%
Customs Duty

*For detailed information see:
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➤ **Medical Equipment and Supplies?:**

5% customs duty on most imported medical equipment and supplies except the following categories: *Medical Supplies (H.S. Codes 30 05 and 30 06).*

➤ **Tax Rate?:** *A flat tax rate of 15% as of 2008.*

➤ **Who is Taxed?:**

- ❖ *Foreign entities carrying on trade or business either directly or through an agent*
- ❖ *Foreign entities share in local company, other than a company listed in the Kuwait Stock Exchange.*
- ❖ *Individuals are not taxed*
- ❖ *Kuwaiti / GCC share in an entity is not taxed.*



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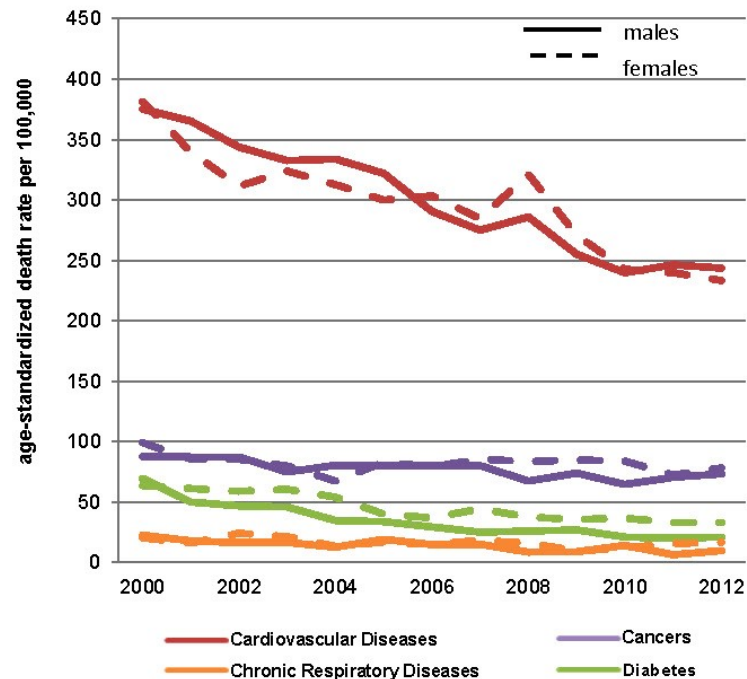
Total population: 3 250 000

Income Group: High

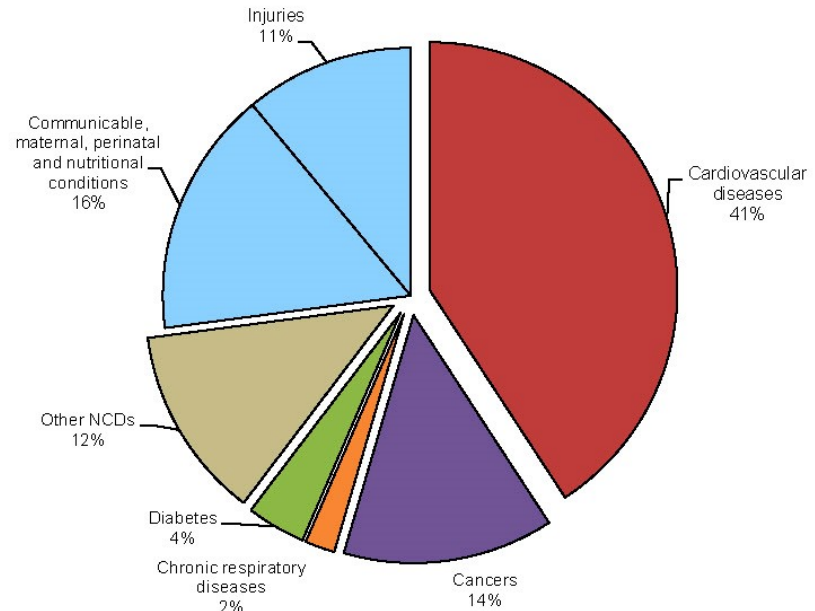
Percentage of population living in urban areas: 98.3%

Population proportion between ages 30 and 70 years: 45.8%

Age-standardized death rates



Proportional mortality (% of total deaths, all ages, both sexes)



Total deaths: 6,100
NCDs are estimated to account for 73% of total deaths.

Source: World Health Organization - http://www.who.int/nmh/countries/kwt_en.pdf



World Health Organization - Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD). Kuwait Country Profile (2014)

Adult risk factors			
	males	females	total
Current tobacco smoking (2011)	35%	4%	19%
Total alcohol per capita consumption, in litres of pure alcohol (2010)	0.2	0.0	0.1
Raised blood pressure (2008)	21.9%	16.4%	20.0%
Obesity (2008)	37.5%	49.8%	42.0%

National systems response to NCDs	
Has an operational NCD unit/branch or department within the Ministry of Health, or equivalent	Yes
Has an operational multisectoral national policy, strategy or action plan that integrates several NCDs and shared risk factors	No
Has an operational policy, strategy or action plan to reduce the harmful use of alcohol	No
Has an operational policy, strategy or action plan to reduce physical inactivity and/or promote physical activity	No
Has an operational policy, strategy or action plan to reduce the burden of tobacco use	No
Has an operational policy, strategy or action plan to reduce unhealthy diet and/or promote healthy diets	No
Has evidence-based national guidelines/protocols/standards for the management of major NCDs through a primary care approach	DK
Has an NCD surveillance and monitoring system in place to enable reporting against the nine global NCD targets	No
Has a national, population-based cancer registry	Yes

DK = Country responded "don't know"

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Kuwait University
Jamal Abdul Nasser St,
State of Kuwait

Kuwait University

- Kuwait University is the first public research university in the State of Kuwait and was established in 1966.
- Kuwait University consists of 16 colleges, including:
 - ❖ College of Medicine
 - ❖ College of Allied Health Science
 - ❖ College of Pharmacy
 - ❖ College of Dentistry

Source: www.kuniv.edu.kw/

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Kuwait University
Health Sciences Center
College of Medicine
Jamal Abdul Nasser St,
State of Kuwait

- **College of Medicine:** was established in 1973. Two undergraduate degrees are offered: Bachelor of Medical Sciences (B.Med.Sc.) at the end of fourth year and Bachelor of Medicine, and Surgery (B.M.B.Ch.) at the end of the seventh year.
- Since 1983, 1524 students have successfully completed the program.
- The faculty offers a seven year medical program, and currently has 655 students on roll, in addition to 500 academic technical and administrative staff.

Source: <http://www.hsc.edu.kw/fom/>

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Kuwait University
Health Sciences Center
College of Allied Health Sciences
Jamal Abdul Nasser St,
State of Kuwait

- **College of Allied Health Sciences:** Was established in 1982. It changed its name to the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences in 2004 when the Nursing program was transferred to the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.
- The programs were established to produce locally-trained staff able to meet local needs, and to provide a more stable workforce than expatriate staff.
- The faculty currently offers Bachelor's degree programs in Health Information Administration, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Radiologic Sciences.

Source: <http://www.hsc.edu.kw/fahs/>

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Kuwait University
Health Sciences Center
College of Pharmacy
Jamal Abdul Nasser St,
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- **College of Pharmacy:** The faculty accepted its first class of 32 full-time students into the first year of the program in September 1997.
- The first batch of students graduated in 2002 and so far, 337 students have successfully completed the program and have been awarded the Bachelor's degree of Pharmacy (BPharm) from the faculty.
- The faculty offers a five year program, most graduates of the program go on to serve at the Ministry of Health as professional pharmacists.

Source: <http://www.hsc.edu.kw/fop/>

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Kuwait University
Health Sciences Center
College of Dentistry
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- **College of Dentistry:** Established in 1998, the Dental Program offered by the Faculty of Dentistry (FOD) is a six and half year program.
- Undergraduate students must first complete three semesters of a pre-professional program common to the Faculties of Medicine and Dentistry and five semesters of Biomedical Sciences leading to a Bachelor of Medical Science degree (B.Med.Sc.).
- They will then complete a further five semesters of clinical studies and training before they are awarded their dental degree – Bachelor of Dental Medicine (B.D.M).

Source: <http://www.hsc.edu.kw/fod/>



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**The Public Authority for Applied Education and
Training - College of Nursing**
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- **The College of Nursing** (part of The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training “PAAET” five colleges).
- The Department of Nursing was a essential department of the College of Health Sciences from 1974 to 2002. later the College of Nursing program was transferred to PAAET.
- As of 2013, 709 students in all programs are enrolled .

Source: <http://www.paaet.edu.kw>

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Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialization (KIMS)

- KIMS is the authority responsible for organizing all aspects of postgraduate training of medical practitioners and other health professionals in Kuwait.
- KIMS mission is to enhance the level of competence of health professionals, enabling them to keep abreast of the developments in the medical specialties and patient management; prepare graduates in the health professions for specialization in the different branches of medicine; provide facilities and opportunities for continuing professional development, and monitor progress and achievement.

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KIMS Training Programs:

Internship Program: Newly qualified medical graduates follow a basic training program (rotating internship) conducted at various hospitals of the Ministry of Health, under the supervision of KIMS.

Postgraduate Training: A number of Faculties and Committees have been established to initiate and coordinate postgraduate training in the different specialties.

Center for Continuing Medical Education: to assist health professionals to keep abreast of the developments in their specialties and related fields.

Specialty and Fellowship Programs: KIMS offers a wide range of specialty programs at present.

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